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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE EVACUATION ASSISTANCE TO KOREANS RESIDENT IN BEIRUT

1. ROK EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST USG COMMITMENT TO AID IN THE EVACUATION OF ROK TRADE MISSION PERSONNEL AND OTHER KOREANS FROM BEIRUT IN THE EVENT LEBANESE POLITICAL SITUATION DETERIORATES.

2. ROK EMBASSY COUNSELLOR YOO EXPLAINED THAT THERE ARE PRESENTLY 64 KOREAN CITIZENS IN BEIRUT INCLUDING OFFICIAL COMMUNITY AT ROK TRADE MISSION (6 OFFICERS AND 19 DEPENDENTS). TRADE MISSION IS STAFFED BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PERSONNEL, AND REPORTS TO MOFA.

3. HE ASKED THAT USG CONSIDER REQUEST FOR EVACUATION ASSISTANCE IN TWO WAYS:

-- COULD THE USG ASSIST WITH THE EVACUATION OF ALL KOREANS FROM BEIRUT?

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-- WOULD WE BE BETTER ABLE TO EVACUATE A MINIMAL NUMBER OF ROKG OFFICIALS? (THE SIX OFFICERS OF THE TRADE MISSION). YOO POINTED OUT THAT IF USG WERE ABLE TO PROMISE ASSISTANCE FOR THE 6 OFFICIALS, THE ROKG WOULD PLAN TO REDUCE

THE RESIDENT POPULATION IN BEIRUT DRASTICALLY AT THE

SLIGHTEST NEGATIVE CHANGE IN THE LOCAL SECURITY SITUATION.
HE ALSO SAID ROKG FEELS THAT KOREAN COMMUNITY IN BEIRUT
IS PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE POTENTIAL TARGET OF JAPANESE
RED ARMY OR NORTH KOREAN - INFLUENCED TERRORISTS IF
SITUATION WORSENS.

4. DEPARTMENT OFFICER REPLIED THAT WE WOULD GIVE CONSI-
DERATION TO ROKG REQUEST AND CONSULT WITH EMBASSY BEIRUT
ON ASSISTANCE WHICH COULD BE OFFERED.

5. SUBJECT TO EMBASSY BEIRUT CONCURRENCE, DEPARTMENT
WOULD LIKE TO INFORM ROKG THAT THEY SHOULD MAKE THEIR OWN
PLANS TO EVACUATE PRIVATE COMMUNITY AND TRADE MISSION
DEPENDENTS, BUT THAT USG WOULD ASSIST WITH EVACUATION
OF SIX MISSION OFFICERS. WE WOULD ALSO PLAN TO INFORM
ROKG THAT EMBASSY BEIRUT WILL BE WILLING TO ADVISE TRADE
MISSION ON EVACUATION PLANNING AS WELL AS SHARE OUR
ASSESSMENT OF SECURITY THREAT ON A CONTINUING BASIS. KISSINGER

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